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Title

Method and apparatus for monitoring player loss in a gaming environment

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/921,716 Filed August 03, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/497,788 filed February 3, 2000.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to a method of monitoring game player financial transactions, including tracking amounts lost by a game player.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Traditionally, the play of casino games and other games of chance was based on the wagering of actual money, such as coins and currency. Coins and currency have traditionally been used directly as bets in table games such as poker and blackjack. Alternatively, the coins and currency are exchanged for chips which have a representative monetary value.

[0004] As mechanical games of chance were developed, such as the well-known slot machine, coins were used to activate the machines. Later, bill validators were provided which allowed players to avoid the need to convert their currency to coins before playing a gaming machine.

[0005] Outside of the gaming industry, the consumers were provided with a large variety of options to effectuate their banking and other monetary transaction needs. For example, the credit card was developed and has become widespread in use.



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